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## Bulldog Wrestling Set for Trip to Hershey Duals

**Charleston, S.C.** – The Citadel Wrestling team kicks off their dual slate this weekend with four matches in the Hershey Duals on Saturday at the Hersheypark Arena in Hershey, Pa.

The Bulldogs will face off against two ranked ACC foes in No. 17 Virginia Tech and No. 24 Virginia along with two opponents out of the CAA in George Mason and Drexel. “There is a good mixture of teams participating in the duals this weekend and we are definitely wrestling four quality opponents. We will be tested, but it is exciting and our guys are looking forward to it,” said Bulldogs Head Coach Rob Hjerling.

The Citadel kicked off their season last weekend by hosting the annual Citadel Open at McAlister Field House and sending several wrestlers to the Hokie Open in Salem, Va. to compete. The Bulldogs placed three on the weekend. “Last week’s competition in both Opens was the perfect type of competition that we needed to start out the year. We saw a lot of areas where we did some good things and some areas where we need to improve upon this week,” added Hjerling.

UVA (3-0) routed their competition at home in the opening weekend of action as they defeated Anderson by a score of 41-6, Rider by a 38-0 total and shutout Gardner-Webb, 50-0. Meanwhile the Hokies lost a close decision to No. 25 Iowa State, 17-16 last Saturday. They rebounded on Sunday by taking four titles at the Hokie Open, while five others took runner-up.

George Mason (0-0) opened their season last weekend competing in the Clarion Open, placing one wrestler. Drexel (1-2) lost their opening dual of the season at Lehigh, 45-0, but rebounded to take down Campbell, 36-13, at home last Saturday. In midweek, the Dragons fell at Army, 26-13.

### Saturday’s Probable Starters

#### **The Citadel (0-0)**

- 125: Tyler Sim (0-1)
- 133: Richard Alarcon (3-2)
- 141: Nick LaFevre (0-0) or Jordan Dix (0-1)
- 149: Derek Royster (0-1)
- 157: Pierre Frazile (2-2)
- 165: Turtogtokh Luvsandorj (5-1)
- 174: J.C. Oddo (3-0)
- 184: Justin Sparrow (2-2)
- 197: Kelby Smith (3-2)
- 285: Luke Johnson (3-2) or Manuel Camargo (0-2) or Gerald Johnson (3-2)

#### **#24 Virginia (3-0)**

- 125: Matt Snyder (3-0)
- 133: Joe Spisak (3-0)
- 141: Nick Nelson (3-0)
- 149: Derek Valenti (3-0)

157: Shawn Harris (2-0) or Danny Clarke (1-0)  
165: Jedd Moore (0-0) or Conner Miller (3-0)  
174: Chris Henrich (3-0)  
184: Jon Fausey (3-0)  
197: Mike Salopek (2-0)  
285: Jack Danilkowicz (3-0)

**#17 Virginia Tech (0-1)**

125: #10 Jarrod Garnett (5-1) or T.J. Mitchell (0-1)  
133: Devin Carter (6-0)  
141: #8 Chris Diaz (5-1) OR Nick Murray (4-1)  
149: #16 Brian Stephens (4-2) or Chris Mears (3-2)  
157: #15 Pete Yates (6-0)  
165: #15 Matt Epperly (4-2) or Chris Moon (3-2)  
174: Nick Vetterlein (1-3)  
184: #11 Tommy Spellman (5-0) or John Dickson (2-2)  
197: Chris Penny (4-3) or Bobby Lavelle (1-2)  
HWT: #12 David Marone (4-1)

**George Mason (0-0)**

125: Zach Huxford  
133: John Delgado or Ryan Hunsberger  
141: Denny Herndon  
149: Brandon Bucher  
157: Ty Knepp  
165: Jimmy Kaden  
174: Greg Scott  
184: Bagna Tovuujav  
197: Cayle Byers  
HWT: Hunter Manspile or Kyle Burke

**Drexel (1-2)**

125: TBA  
133: Frank Cimato (2-1)  
141: Josh Yurasits (1-2)  
149: John McDermott (1-1) or Austin Sommer (0-1)  
157: Charles Aungst (1-2)  
165: Joe Booth (2-1)  
174: Justin Wieller (0-3)  
184: Jamie Callender (2-1)  
197: Brandon Palik (2-1)  
HWT: Robert Schwalbenberg (0-1) or Jon Max Wright (0-2)

A recap and results will follow the duals. For more information on Bulldog Wrestling, visit the official website of The Citadel Athletics at [www.CitadelSports.com](http://www.CitadelSports.com).